

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit:
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Jacques Beaurain, Jean-Marc Fuentes,)	Examiner:
Jean-Marc Vital, Thierry Dufour, and)	
Jean Huppert)	
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)	<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
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Filed: May 4, 2005)	
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For: Intervertebral Disk Prosthesis)	

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant herewith submits the following Preliminary Amendment to the claims of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.